



2024-2025 PSA Student Handbook

Welcome to Peninsula School of the Arts!

This handbook is your guide to policies and procedures regarding PSA classes. **Please read it in its entirety.** If you have questions regarding this handbook or our policies, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces, and we are excited to welcome any new families to PSA!

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2024-2025 YOUTH PROGRAM

For ballet students in Level 2 and up, PSA has created a flexible schedule with flat-rate tuition. Students are welcome to take all classes offered for their level, but are not required to do so. They may choose how many classes per week they will attend, the rate stays the same. Pre-Ballet 1, Pre-Ballet 2, and Level 1 students MUST enroll on the day(s) they will attend.

Trial/Placement Classes

All NEW students must take a placement/trial class to determine their correct **ballet** level. Please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org to register for your placement class. Placement is determined based on age, technique, and ability. Current or former students will receive their level placement via email. *Trials for Hip Hop, Tap, Musical Theater and Combo are optional.*

Once placed in a level, the instructors decide when a student is ready for promotion to the next level. Please do not approach them asking to do this mid-season.

Trial classes are **\$12** and can be arranged by emailing conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

No Make-Up Classes

No make-up classes will be offered for any classes. In the case of extended absences, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

Withdrawal Policy

PSA requires notification via email if you plan to withdraw from classes. You must email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org by **the 20th of the month prior** in order to withdraw from classes. *If you do not email PSA by the 20th of the month, you will be charged for the following month of classes.*

Dress Code

PSA has a uniform policy. Uniform colors and pieces are posted on each level's page in the [PSA Dancewear Store](#). PSA Dancewear items are the only accepted uniform pieces. If you have questions regarding the uniform or dress code, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

CLASS SCHEDULES & DESCRIPTIONS

Combo (Ballet & Tap) (Ages 3-5)

For young aspiring dancers, this 60-minute class introduces children to movement, ballet, and tap dance.

Combo - 60 mins.

Monday 3:30-4:30 pm with Verónica Quevedo

Pre-Ballet 1 and 2 (Ages 3-6)

For our youngest aspiring dancers, this 45-minute class introduces children to the joy of dance and movement.

Pre-Ballet 1 (ages 3 - 4) - 45 mins.

*1 class/week

Monday 4:30-5:15 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Wednesday 3:30-4:15 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Saturday 9:15-10:00 am with Phoenix Wilkins **OR**

Saturday 10:00-10:45 am with Phoenix Wilkins

Pre-Ballet 2 (ages 5 - 6) - 45 mins.

*1 class/week

Wednesday 4:15-5:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Thursday 4:15-5:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Saturday 9:00-9:45 am with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Saturday 9:45-10:30 am with Verónica Quevedo

Level 1 (Ages 6-8)

Beginner level, 60-minute technique class where students begin to learn the foundations of classical ballet technique.

Level 1 - 60 mins.

*1 class/week

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm with Verónica Quevedo **OR**

Saturday 9:00-10:00 am with Alyssa-Marie Muña **OR**

Saturday 10:00-11:00 am with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 2 (Ages 8-10)

75-minute technique classes where students expand on the foundations of classical ballet technique, introducing more complex barre and center work.

Level 2

*Recommend 2 classes/week

Tuesday 4:15-5:30 pm with Hannah Jiang
Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers
Saturday 10:45-12:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Phoenix Wilkins

Level 3 (Ages 9-11)

75-minute technique classes where students expand on the foundations learned in Level 2.

Level 3

*Recommend 3 classes/week

Tuesday 5:30-6:45 pm with Hannah Jiang
Wednesday 4:45-6:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Minna Rogers
Saturday 10:45-12:00 pm (Combined 2 & 3) with Phoenix Wilkins

Level 4 (Ages 10-14)

90- to 120-minute intermediate technique class for students with experience. Students in Level 4 will begin preparing for pointe work with weekly pre-pointe class, or take actual pointe class, when ready. Students will also take a contemporary dance class each week.

Level 4

*Recommend 4 classes/week

Tuesday 4:15-6:15 pm Technique & (Pre)-pointe with Léna Alvino
Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm Technique with Minna Rogers
Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 pm Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Saturday 11:00-12:30 pm Technique (Combined Level 4 & 5) with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 5 (Ages 12-16)

90- to 135-minute intermediate/advanced technique classes for students with experience. Students in Level 5 will have weekly pointe and contemporary classes.

Level 5

*Recommend 4 classes/week

Tuesday 4:00-6:15 pm Technique & Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Wednesday 4:00-6:15 pm Technique & Pointe with Chloé Watson
Thursday 4:00-6:15 pm Technique (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson
Saturday 11:00-12:30 pm Technique (Combined Level 4 & 5) with Alyssa-Marie Muña

Level 6 (ages 14 and up - by placement only)

90- to 135-minute advanced technique classes for our most advanced students. Students in Level 6 will have weekly pointe, variations, and contemporary classes, in addition to a special professional-level class with company dancers. *This class is by placement only.*

Level 6

*Recommend 4-5 classes/week

Monday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Pointe with Chloé Watson
Tuesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Contemporary with Alyssa-Marie Muña
Wednesday 4:00-6:15pm Technique & Variations with Léna Alvino
Thursday 4:00-6:15pm Technique (Combined Level 5 & 6) with Chloé Watson
Saturday 10:30am-12:00pm Technique (Combined with professional company) with Gregory Amato

Mentorship Program (Ages 12+)

The mentorship program is open to all Level 5 and 6 students. *Dancers must attend a minimum of four Level 5 or Level 6 classes per week*, and will have two private lessons/mentoring sessions each month with a faculty or company member. Enrollment in the program is limited and requested mentors are not guaranteed.

Mentorship Sessions - 60 mins.

*Attendance at a minimum 4 technique classes/week required for enrollment
Two private 60-minute sessions/month to be scheduled.

Private Lessons

One on one ballet lessons with one of our available instructors, for Level 2 through Adult students. To arrange, please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

60 minutes: \$88

30 minutes: \$44

Tap (Ages 6-17)

Students learn the fundamentals of tap technique in a fun and creative way. Dancers will learn basic terminology, steps, and combinations to improve their knowledge and skill of tap dance.

Tap - 60 mins.

Saturday 9:30-10:30 am with Christian Winzenread

Hip-Hop (Ages 5-17)

Students learn the fundamentals of hip-hop in an exciting and fun way. Dancers will learn basic terminology, steps, and combinations to improve their knowledge of hip-hop.

Hip-Hop - 60 mins.

Thursday 5:00-6:00 pm with Matthew "Ninja" Sutton

Musical Theater (Ages 5-18)

Musical Theater Dance class is a great way to be introduced to the world of Musical Theater through dance! Learn dance styles that are performed in Broadway musicals, as well as choreography from pieces in musicals old and new. Come play and learn in a creative and fun space, designed to inspire the performer within!

Musical Theater, 60 mins.

Monday 5:00-6:00 pm with Minna Rogers

YOUTH TUITION

Annual Registration Fee: \$50

This fee is not based on the calendar year. This fee must be paid upon registration for each season, regardless of how late in the season you enroll.

To register for classes, you must have an account in [DanceStudioPro](#) with a zero balance, and be enrolled in AutoPay. To create your new student account click [here](#).

You may only register for the ballet level you were placed in. If you do not know your level placement or you are a new student please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

Tuition cost is monthly, based on level. Tuition rates DO NOT change regardless of holiday breaks, missed classes or, for Level 2 and up, how many classes you take each week. All holiday breaks are factored into tuition at the beginning of the season. **PSA does not offer make-up classes.**

Monthly tuition is due no later than the 30th. We require all families to sign up for Auto-Pay, which runs between the 22nd and 25th of each month. Failure to pay by the due date will result in a \$25 late fee.

Monthly Tuition Rates

Pre-Ballet 1: \$47

Pre-Ballet 2: \$47

Level 1: \$57

Level 2: \$140

Level 3: \$140

Level 4: \$290

Level 5: \$340

Level 6: \$415

Mentorship Program: \$160

Tap: \$57

Hip-Hop: \$57

Combo: \$57

Musical Theater Dance: \$57

Gift of Dance Scholarship - offered to students ages 3-18 years old with a passion and desire to dance. This scholarship is awarded based on financial need, merit, and the student's desire to dance. To apply for this scholarship [please fill out this form](#) and email it to conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

2024-25 Peninsula School of the Arts Youth Calendar

*All dates are subject to change.

August 5-24	August Drop-In Program
September 3	2024-2025 Season begins
September 12	* <i>September Nights on B Street</i>
September 14	Mandatory Parent Meeting
September 14	Student Nutcracker Audition
DATE TBA	Student Nutcracker Rehearsals Start
September 28	* <i>San Mateo Countywide Celebration of the Arts</i>
October 5	Mandatory Nutcracker Parent/Dancer Meeting
October 13	* <i>San Carlos Art & Wine Faire</i>
October 14-19	Parent Observation Week
October 31	Happy Halloween! Wear a costume to class!
December 6	* <i>San Carlos Night of Holiday Lights</i>
December 7-8	* <i>Nutcracker & Hip-Hop Nutcracker Sweets at PSA Studios</i>
December 14	Last day of youth classes
December 20-22	* <i>Nutcracker & Hip-Hop Nutcracker at San Mateo Performing Arts Center</i>
December 31	* <i>Noon Year's Eve at Hiller Aviation Museum</i>
January 6	Youth classes resume
March 24-29	Parent Observation Week
March 31- April 6	Spring Break (no youth classes)
June 6	Showcase Tech Rehearsal
June 7	Showcase Full Cast Rehearsal
June 8	June Showcase
June 14	Last day of Student Classes
July 7-25	Summer Camps

**Performance opportunity for selected students.*

NO CLASS DATES:

November 24 - December 1	Thanksgiving Break
December 15 - January 5	Winter Break
January 20	Martin Luther King Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
March 31 - April 6	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day

FAQs

Q. Are there opportunities for one-on-one training?

A. Yes, PSA offers private lessons and we encourage students in Level 2 or above to register for private lessons with their preferred teacher. Please email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org if you are interested in private lessons.

Q. Is there anything else I need?

A. We recommend bringing a water bottle.

Q. Who should I contact with questions?

A. Please email Shannon at conservatory@peninsulaballet.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

Class Code of Conduct

1. I will use the restroom before class starts.
2. I will not eat or chew gum while in class.
3. I will respect my teachers, PSA staff and volunteers, PSA studios, and my classmates. I will not disrupt class.
4. I will support all of my classmates.
5. I will accept corrections as constructive critiques to help me grow as a dancer. I understand that my teacher is not criticizing me.
6. I will take pride in my school, my teacher, my classmates, and myself.
7. I will not use my phone or other devices during class.
8. I will have fun!

PSA ADULT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Ballet - Beginning Drop-ins

Tuesday 6:15 - 7:45 pm Léna Alvino

Ballet - Beginning/Intermediate Drop-ins

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:45 pm Léna Alvino

Saturday 9:00 - 10:30 am Gregory Amato

Sunday 10:30 - 12:00 pm Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate Drop-ins

Thursday 6:15 - 7:45 pm Gregory Amato

Ballet - Intermediate/Advanced/Open Drop-ins

Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30 am Gregory Amato

Thursday 10:00 - 11:30 am Gregory Amato

Ballet - Beginning Pointe Drop-ins

Wednesday 6:15 - 8:30 pm Léna Alvino

***NEW CLASS* Contemporary Drop-Ins**

Monday 6:15 - 7:45 pm Hayley Miralou

NEW DAY* Tap Drop-ins *Now Drop-in ONLY

Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 am Christian Winzenread

Hip-Hop Drop-ins

Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00pm Matthew "Ninja" Sutton

ADULT CLASS RATES

All Adults Are Required to Enroll in AutoPay

Adult Drop-ins

Tap: \$14

Ballet: \$18

Hip-Hop: \$18

Pointe: \$28

Adult Dance Card

\$160/10 classes, expires after 60 days from date of purchase. We will NOT extend expiration dates.

Cards are not valid for Pointe or Tap classes

Private Lessons

*To arrange, email conservatory@peninsulaballet.org.

60 minute ballet lesson with one of our available instructors: \$88

**Scheduling based on instructor and studio availability*

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No class dates:

September 2	Labor Day
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 7 & 8	(Classical & Hip Hop Sweets at PSA Studio 1)
December 21	(Nutcracker at San Mateo Performing Arts Center)
December 24 & 25	Christmas Break
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 20	Martin Luther King Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
May 26	Memorial Day